

100 PEAKS

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Our New Name

We now have a name, as you can see above. Congratulations to Linda Frost of Santa Ana who has won the prize of a thermic jug. This will be presented at the 100 Peaks Harwood weekend, Aug. 15-16th.

Thanks to all those who submitted names: John Robinson, Irene Charnock, Dora Robbins, Edward Ford, Mary & Cal Turner, John Costello, John Nienhuis, Roger Mitchell, Bill Utterback, Doug Buckmaster, Marge Gall, Andy Smatko, Parker Severson, Dick Kenyon, Janis Hawley, Court Olmstead. Some sent not only one but several suggestions. Thanks again.

Harwood Weekend

On the weekend of Aug. 15-16 we hope to renew an old 100 Peaks custom of a Harwood "round-up."

There will be lots of activities, including: nature walk, peak-bagging, scavenger hunt, 100 Peaks slides, dancing (including square), peak quiz, prizes, etc. It is hoped to have some of our 200-or-more peakers on hand to answer newcomers' questions.

Also included will be a gear swap. If you have an item of hiking equipment or apparel that you cannot use (but is still in good condition, of course) bring it and exchange it or sell it, for a nominal charge.

Sat. eve. supper & Sun. breakfast will be served. Come early. Hikes will start 8 a.m. Sat. Bring Sat. & Sun. lunches.

We hope this will be a real bang-up weekend, and there'll be something doing every minute. So come! This is a chance to bring your non-hiking families or friends. You can hike while they're entertained or just relax. There'll be hikes to all nearby peaks not in a closed area.



Wanted

Cook - for Harwood Weekend

You'll have help, lots of it. A cook is principally needed for the Sat. eve. meal. Contact Mary Meisel if you'll do it.

Business Meeting

Aug. 7th - home of Bill Rietz
1940 Glencoe Way, LA 28
(call for directions)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Purpose: by-laws revision
finances
discuss annual meeting
select nominating
committee
leadership trng.
Will Thrall

You do not have to be an officer to attend. All members and guests are welcome.

Fall-Winter Preview

Here's a sneak preview of forthcoming peak hikes:

Sugarloaf & Berdoo's - Nov. 1
Hawes, Rattlesnake, Luna - 8th
Coahuilla & Thomas - 21st

Whale & Cuyapapaipe - Dec. 5 & 6
Suicide Ridge - 12 (proposed)

Harvard - Jan. 9th
Circle - 17th (Riverside)
Little Berdoo & Bernard - 23-24
Mt. Wilson - 30th

Lookout & Sunset - Feb. 7

Santa Barbara's - 21-22 (not
chosen as of schedule meet.)

The above list is subject to last-minute changes at the downtown schedule meeting.

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Drive-Ups

Indian is a drive-up in a
4-wheel vehicle or one that can
really take it.

Ranger is a drive-up also,
that is, within 25' of the top.
Sawmill in the Liebre Range
was also omitted from the list.
Frank Mc Daniel

Will Thrall

The last two hikes to Will
Thrall Pk. went to the Pallett
triangulation and not Will Thrall.
I now feel we still have Pleasant
View Ridge high point at 7983' as
an official peak and another 7845'
Will Thrall Pk. Pallett Mt. 7770'
is still good and is now listed on
the new Forestry maps.

Steve Molnar

Grinell Mtn.

Official notice has been re-
ceived that Fish Creek Mtn., which
peak-baggers call Grinell Mtn. is
now officially Grinell Mtn.

Much credit for this must be
given to Steve Molnar, Mtn. Records
Chairman, 100 Peaks Section.



Welcome!

To new Section members:

Mary L. Turner (over 25 pks)
Clarence Turner (over 25 pks)
John Costello (over 25 pks)
Lorraine Pearson (30 pks)
David J. Scruggs (over 25 pks)
Janis Hawley (over 25 pks)
Ingolf Dahl (over 100 pks)
Our 86th emblem holder.

Congratulations to sturdy hiker
Laura Oard on her 100th peak!

Odds-'N-Ends

Sue Sheaffer - engaged to Larry
Tittle of Ski Mtnrs.
Vic Miller has graduated with a B.A.
in History from SFVS.
Jetje Worsfold - flies to Holland
July 17th
Joe McCosker - and his friendly
wife have left for
Africa for their
daughter's wedding.
Toni Gamero - did you know that he
was the designer of
the 100 Peaks Emblem?



Peak-of-the-Month

- Strawberry Peak

"The trail, twisting like a
corkscrew, rose and crossed a
shoulder of Strawberry Peak, a
rugged summit rising to 5150 feet.
It brought me to the base of a
perpendicular cliff a couple of
hundred feet high, forming the last
stage to the summit. The only way
up was to scale it as best I could;
so, holding on by fingers and toes,
and carefully testing the jutting
rocks and roots which served as
pegs to climb by, I got on pretty
well until...I happened to look
down. Directly under me was an
abysmal cañon down whose breakneck
side some stones went hurtling
with fainter and fainter sound....

...I started up once more,
clutching at every projecting hold,
until finally...I scrambled out on

(Strawberry - cont'd)
top, and lo! the kingdoms of the earth. Twenty five miles eastward, "Old Baldy", genial giant of the Sierra Madre..Oceanward...the sea gleamed, Santa Catalina in its golden midst.

A superb view, but...the thought of that abominable cliff, which had to be descended...So, turning face inward to the rock...I let myself gingerly down through the crevice toward a narrow shelf. It proved farther down than I had reckoned, and my feet dangled in the air short of it. I was afraid to drop, lest on landing, I should pitch backwards into the canon yawning beneath...I groped blindly with my feet for some lodgement...and found a V-shaped crack in the boulder face....Then, taking a lower grip with my hands...I sought to plant my feet on the shelf of my hopes. To my alarm..the foot in the crack refused to come out. Suddenly the rotten granite gave way and I was standing palpitating on the shelf beneath. Peering over the edge for the continuation of the trail, I was dismayed to find that there was none - only the cañon's gaping maw. I had followed a blind lead and was at the jumping-off point on the face of the precipice. It was the sort of situation one dreams of after too rich a supper..."

Thus wrote Charles Francis Saunders in 1923 of his climb of Strawberry. This interesting, but flowery prose is contained in "The Southern Sierras of California", & the chapter is captioned "Caught Fast on Strawberry." The book is in headquarters library.

This west side route is still a thrill to climb, but faint painted arrows show the best route. Old time Sierra Club members call it the mountaineers route." One can descend up future hikes in the schedule. by walking a firebreak on the east side now. This was not so in Saunder's time.

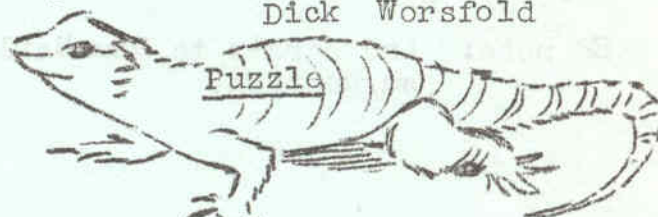
Even Sierra Peaks Section people like a climb on Strawberry when their favorite range is snowed in.

According to Gude - "California

Place Names" - it was named by some wags at Switzer's Camp in 1886 from its fancied resemblance to a strawberry standing end up; but one of them said: "We called it Strawberry Peak because there weren't any strawberries on it." However, I believe I've read somewhere that strawberries were grown at Colby's Ranch right under the peak.

In 1909 a gas balloon filled with sightseers was blown loose in Pasadena and came to rest on Strawberry in deep snow, from whence they finally made their way to Colby's and were saved.

Dick Worsfold



(ans. to last puzzle - Santa Cruz)
- contributed by Andy Smatko



in all ranges except the San Geronimo & Santa Anas are needed for Harwood Weekend. Put your name on them, what peak they are, & get them to Dick Worsfold.

Weldon Hoald

See the July issue of Summit Magazine for an article by the founder of the 100 Peaks Section. American Forest recently published an article by him on the limber pines of Baden-Powell.

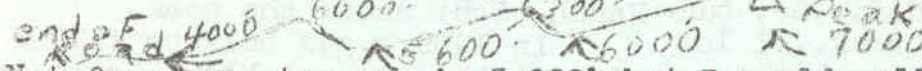
Gripe-of-the-Month

I wish leaders would be much more careful and consistent in giving the elevation to be gained as well as the distance, when writing up future hikes in the schedule.

The elev. gain is at least as important as the mileage and it is usually more meaningful for estimating how hard a hike is going to be. Its purpose, therefore, is to help individual readers of the Schedule to decide whether a particular hike is going to be too

easy or too hard or "about right" for them. Sloppy and inaccurate estimates of elev. gain are almost worse than no estimate at all because they always under estimate and so encourage weaker hikers to come who end up just slowing up everyone. A few minutes with topo is all it takes to get a good figure.

It is my opinion that this figure should include the ups and downs - not just the net change from starting point to summit - because as I already said - the purpose is to provide an estimate of how hard a hike is going to be. For example, consider this hypothetical case:


Net from cars to peak is 3,000' but I would call the ΔH - 4000'. You actually go up 200 plus 700 plus 100 = 3700' on the way to the top, & you go up 700' on the way home. Those two little dips of 300' & 400' don't look like much but the difference between a 3,000' day & a 4000' day is significant. Here's to more helpful schedule write-ups.

How Bailey

Ed note: And here's to How Bailey for his well-written, to-the-point suggestion.